

House Resolution No. 288

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State fraternal organizations which are devoted to improving lives in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Knights of Columbus DeSmet Council 742 was founded on Sunday, March 8, 1903, when Supreme Knight Edward Hearn signed the authorizing document at Odeon Hall located at Grand and Finney Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, the third Council to be formed in the state of Missouri, DeSmet Council 742 earned distinction as the first Council west of the Mississippi River to reach four hundred members; and

Whereas, named after Father Pierre Jean De Smet, the first Catholic missionary to the Indians of the Platte and upper Missouri region, DeSmet Council 742 became a Star Council in 2000; and

Whereas, during the past ten years, DeSmet Council 742 donated \$110,000 to charities which assist children, the needy, and Catholic schools; established a special endowment fund of \$25,000 for St. Mary's School for children with special needs; sponsored two seminarians through financial assistance amounting to \$12,000; and donated \$30,000 to local parishes for help in maintaining buildings and grounds; and

Whereas, the current 121 active members of DeSmet Council 742 have supported pro-life endeavors through generous funding and through the erection of a large stone cross at St. Matthias Church as a monument to the unborn; and

Whereas, on March 8, 2003, Knights of Columbus DeSmet Council 742 will observe its unique status as a fraternal organization with a stellar, one-hundred-year-long uninterrupted history:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant record of philanthropic, social, and civic activity garnered by Knights of Columbus DeSmet Council 742 during its one hundred years of existence and to convey to all of its leadership and membership this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they participate in a celebratory memorial on March 8, 2003, in St. Matthias Church; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of Knights of Columbus DeSmet Council 742 in St. Louis County.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Lembke
District No. 85

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 288, adopted February 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker